

**THE SCHOOLMASTER'S PROMISE.**  
A correspondent of the Germantown Telegraph tells the following anecdote of his schoolmaster, "Old Haskins."  
"Boys," said he, smiling, one day. "What's up, thought we, and were all attention. It was like a sun peep through a heavy-storm-cloud, when "Old Haskins" smiled, and the

"Boys," said he, "I am about to bargain with you for your good behaviour," (a change of tactics, verily.) "I desire that you will conduct yourselves with decorum for one week, and I will promise to show you a curiosity—what no man ever saw; and having shown it to you, what no man will ever see again."

"Yes, sir," "agreed," "I yi, sir," and various other expressions of acquiescence came from the boys.

An anxious week followed—a week of curiosity, bewildered hope, and pleasure in embryo. Out of the school it was all talk: "what no man ever saw and what no man shall ever see again!" not even the terrible author of the promise. What could it mean?

Nine o'clock came—every urchin was at his post—books and slates all in readiness to battle with the demon of darkness and ignorance, every task fully committed to memory. Altogether a charming state of affairs. An active mind not wedded too closely to orthodox ideas, would have divined at once the great advantage of rewards and kindness over coercion and cruelty. But our old

—“Tingle! tingle!” sounded the little bell—that bell had a voice as well as a tongue. Boys all attention! eyes, ears, mouths, all agape! momentous epoch!

Old Haskins raised the lid of his desk, and drew the wonderful thing forth—adjusting his ominous looking spectacles on the nasal projection, and proceeded to the solemn ceremony.

"The hour has at length arrived; behold in my finger a single almond." (Terrible suspense!) "In this almond is a kernel!" Ceremoniously breaks the shell and exposes the tiny thing. "This no man ever saw!" Then opening his capacious jaws, exposing an internal array of decaying ivory and raw flesh that reminds us of the mouth of a Bengal Tiger—he thrusts in the mysterious ker-

"Boys," exclaimed he with great emphasis, "boys you will never—I will never—no man will ever see that kernel again! To your reasons you rascals—every dog of you!"

**20—JOHN A. FIELD** begs leave to remind his friends, that he is a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Alexandria City and County, at the next election, and respectfully solicits their votes. He refers to his past conduct as a guarantee for the future.

aug 18—eoto

to announce myself as a candidate for the Sheriff-  
 of Alexandria County, I have to request that  
 my friends will not commit themselves to others  
 aug 16—eotf W. M. A. HART.

to the Voters of the City and County of  
 Alexandria:—I offer myself as a candidate for the  
 office of Sheriff, at the next election, and most respec-  
 tfully solicit your votes.  
 je 3—lawte H. L. MONROE.

I INVITE CITIZENS AND STRANGERS to  
 call at my MANUFACTORY, No. 141 KING STREET,

and examine my large and handsome assortment of **SADDLERY GOODS**, as I do not intend to be surpassed in my line of business by any other city. I have on hand, and am daily manufacturing, all the various and superior assortments of goods in any of the Northern cities. My stock comprises as great a variety as can be found in any other house, consisting of **HARNESSES** of all kinds, from the fine quilt work down to the dray, cart, and plough Harness; **TRUNKS** of every kind, the Sole Leather, Steel Spring Iron Frame Ladies' Trunks and Bonnet Boxes, and all other kinds, down to the common Packing Trunks; Saddles,

Horse Covers, Carpet Bags, Valises, &c., of all kinds. Call and see for yourselves.  
 Thankful for the very liberal patronage heretofore extended, I solicit a continuance of the same, and pledge myself to spare no pains to give satisfaction. All goods warranted to be as represented.  
 oct 31—tf **WM. F. PADGETT.**

**CABINET, CHAIR, AND SOFA MANUFACTORY, No. 130 King street, Alexandria, Va.**  
 —Having lately fitted up one of the handsomest and most spacious Warehouses in the city, for the

able attention to my large stock of FURNITURE, which I am constantly increasing. Persons visiting our city will find it to their advantage to give me a call, as the range of my GOODS, in respect to quality and price, is such as to cover her wants and views of all. My stock comprises Mahogany Sofas, Rocking, Cane and Wood Seat Sitting Chairs, Sideboards, Dressing Bureaus, (marble top and plain,) Marble Top and Plain Wash Stands, Marble Top Sofa, Card, Book, and Fancy Tables, Cottage Set, Bedsteads of all patterns, such as High, Fielding, French, Low-Post,

Bedsteads, Hair Racks, Wardrobes, Looking Glasses, and a large number of other articles embraced in the business.

**20 Beds, Bolsters, Pillows, Mattresses, &c.,**  
constantly on hand.

oct 2—11f      **JAMES H. DEVAUGHN.**

**M**ERCHANTS AND OTHERS IN WANT  
OF BROOMS AND WOODEN WARE, will  
find it to their advantage to call at our factory  
before purchasing elsewhere, as we are now re-  
ceiving our **FALL SUPPLIES** from other facto-  
ries, of such articles as we do not manufacture.

be bought of second hands at the North. Give us  
all,  
BROOM CORN WANTED at the Factory, on  
Royal street, a few doors South of King.  
sep 2. HERRING & EVANS.

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**PLAISTER GRINDING.**  
[ RESPECTFULLY INFORM MY FRIENDS,  
and the public, that I have taken the  
**PLAISTER MILL,**  
late occupied by Whiting & Wright, and solicit  
the patronage of all wanting good, well ground, ar-  
tificer of PLASTER OF PARIS.

**JOSEPH H. DAVIS, No. 16, Union-st.,**  
 je 22—4000\* Next door to B. H. Lambert's.

**WHITE COLUMBIAN GUANO.**—An additional supply of Columbian Guano, from the Island of "El Roque," analysing 90 per cent. Bone Phosphate of Lime, for sale at lowest rates.

oct 8 JAS C. NEVETT.

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JOHN OGDEN.

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**G**UANO—  
 750 bags Kettlewell's Manipulated  
 175 bbls. A. A. Mexican, very superior, cargo  
 Sehr. Susquehanna, for sale by  
 oct 16 **WM. H. FOWLE & SON.**  
**P**ARTY BERTHAS, in white and colors, just  
 received, and for sale at  
 oct 11 **RICHARDS'.**  
**W**OOL purchased by  
 is 36 **DANIEL F. HOOF,**